

## **REGULAR SESSION    RUSH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS    MARCH 14, 2011**

The Rush County Board of Commissioners met in regular session, Monday, March 14, 2011 with Commissioners, Tom Barnes, Marvin Cole, Ken Masters, Deborah Adams, Auditor, and Leigh Morning, County Attorney in attendance.

Commissioner Tom Barnes called the meeting to order, Ken Masters made the motion to approve the minutes of the February 28, 2011 meeting as presented. Marvin Cole seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### **TREASURER**

Mary Ann Beard, Treasurer, appeared before the commissioners asking them to approve the lock box process agreement with MainSource Bank. Beard shared that county attorney Leigh Morning had already reviewed the agreement. Beard reported that MainSource charges no fees and requires a \$1,500,000.00 balance maintained throughout the year. Ken Masters made the motion to approve the agreement, Marvin Cole seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Beard informed the commissioners that the tax statements are being printed by L & D Mail Masters located in New Albany, Indiana. Beard concluded by reporting that the tax statements will be processed and mailed to the public on April 1, 2011.

### **SOLID WASTE**

Carole Yeend, Solid Waste Director, announced that a board meeting would be held at 4:00p.m. That day.

### **E.M.S.**

Becky Puckett submitted the 2010 Annual EMS Report for Anderson Twp Vol. Fire Dept. as requested by the commissioners.

The commissioners also reviewed submitted February run reports submitted by Carthage Vol. Fire Dept., Anderson Twp. Vol. Fire Dept., Raleigh Fire Dept., and Rush Memorial Ambulance

### **E.C.D.C.**

Jim Finan, E.C.D.C. Director, appeared before the commissioners, providing discussion and updates on the following:

- Discussed removal of the sign located in the INDOT right of way on the Hiner property. INDOT has given 60 days to remove the sign
- Thanked for the loaning of county I-T Technician Randy Herbert who assisted with the clean up of the computer software.
- The ECDC office has not been occupied since June. Lots of catching up and developing of relationships

- EIDD – member – grant lost the North Industrial Park one (1) year grant, but will reapply
- Discussed the future of the Cherry Street extension. Finan shared during questions from the commissioners that it is imperative to continue with the project.
- Discussed positioning ourselves for better attraction
- Discussed working collectively with the Chamber board

Tom Barnes questioned Finan regarding the Cherry Street project. Barnes stressed that it was imperative to continue. Ken Masters spoke that he had wrote a letter of recommendation for an EDA Grant.

John Saxon, of the audience, asked the commissioners and others to change their wording of the word “GRANT” to “Allocated Tax Payer Funds”. Tom Barnes did comment that he would make an effort in the future to use the different wording.

### **SHERIFF**

Jeff Sherwood, Sheriff, reported forty (40) inmates incarcerated at the Rush County jail. Ken Masters asked Sherwood when the next state jail inspection was scheduled. Sherwood thought that it is usually in May. Sherwood will notify Masters of the inspection date.

### **EMA**

Mike Ooley, EMA Director, thanked Anderson Twp Fire Department for their assistance during the recent accident west of Rushville Thursday morning. Ooley noted that is the purpose of having volunteer back up service.

Ooley reported that the HSHP 2009 Federal Grant equipment has arrived. Ooley indicated that he needed approval to proceed with the installation of the equipment in the commissioner’s room.

Ooley reported that the HSHP 2010 Federal Grant will provide a 55” to 60” monitor that will be useful for webinars held within the courthouse.

Ooley discussed the county installing pipe constructed flood gates at five (5) initial locations. Tom Barnes shared that putting together a committee consisting of the Sheriff, Highway Superintendent, EMA Director and Commissioner would be a good idea.

Ooley reported that he is working on a pre-disaster mitigation competitive grant with the City of Rushville. The grant will address the Waits Addition draining into Lawton Addition. The commissioners advised Ooley to work with the surveyor.

Ooley reported that Pike Twp is having a training seminar on Hybrid cars. Two (2) will be attending One (1) from Manilla and one (1) from Anderson Twp. The cost for the “Train the Trainer” seminar is \$100.00

Ooley reported that Rush County EMA has received \$1,000.00 contribution from the Duke Energy Foundation for disaster relief of the February 1, 2011 ice storm. Ooley questioned if the money would go into his budget. Deborah Adams explained that only certain situations allow monies to be returned to the appropriation. Adams explained that the money would go into the county general fund and the council would take this into consideration during their September budget conversations.

Joan Lewis, of the audience, questioned Ooley if the commissioner's room was going to be a command center. Lewis stated that she worked for FEMA while living in Arizona.

### **HIGHWAY**

Jerry Sitton, Highway Superintendent, provided the commissioners his February monthly report for their review.

### **EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSURANCE**

Jerry Sitton, Health Insurance Committee Chairman, reported that the previously distributed Amendment Number #1 to the Plan Document and Summary Plan Description received many questions from the employees. Sitton stated that the intent as it was discussed was not the same as outlined in the approved and distributed Amendment Number #1.

Sitton indicated that he had since met with Leigh Morning and, Amendment Number #3 to the Plan Document and Summary Plan Description, has been prepared and reviewed by the committee. Sitton reported that Amendment Number #3 will resend Amendment Number #1. Ken Masters made the motion to approve Amendment Number #3 to the Plan Document and Summary Plan Description, Marvin Cole seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### **AUDITOR**

Deborah Adams, Auditor, received approval of payroll claims for the period ending March 18, 2011 from Marvin Cole, seconded by Ken Masters. Motion carried.

Bi-weekly claims ending March 8, 2011 were approved on a motion by Marvin Cole, seconded by Ken Masters. Motion carried.

Adams reported that the county has just completed their State Board of Accounts Audit.

### **APC**

Bill Todd, APC Director, presented an Interlocal Agreement that would be between the County and the City of Rushville. The agreement will have each unit financing \$7,000.00 towards the Flood Plan Study of Hodges Branch. Ken Masters made the motion to sign the Interlocal Agreement and also challenged Todd to make this come to fruition properly as it has

been a thorn in the county's side for some time. Marvin Cole seconded the motion and also agreed with Ken Masters comments. Motion carried.

### **COURTHOUSE**

Tom Barnes reported that the Northeast corner of the North entrance steps to the courthouse have been blocked off due to damage. Barnes will investigate and it is possible that quotes may be necessary to repair the damage.

### **AGENDA 21& THE UNITED NATIONS**

Joan Lewis, Arlington resident, presented to the commissioners a document titled "*Excerpts from Agenda 21 & the United Nations*" Lewis shared with the commissioners her concerns of fees and mandated goals. Lewis referred to Walter Block and begged the commissioners and the audience to research "*Agenda 21*". Lewis stressed that she is non-partisan, and that we are all Americans, the better informed, the better decisions we can make. Lewis finished by saying there is a big push of the United Nations to make us have the same rules as other countries.

Bill Todd spoke that this group attended and presented the same documents to be read at a recent BZA meeting. Todd did say that the terminology used is an eye opener and that he and Mr. Saxon have already had a discussion on the subject. Todd did say that the fees already established will have no changes, and that the group will appear before the APC and the BZA in the future.

Tom Barnes asked if "*Agenda 21*" addresses gun laws. Their response was that they were not sure. Barnes asked if it addressed illegal aliens moving into our areas. John Saxon did say that yes it does address that subject.

### **MISC.**

- Marvin Cole made the motion to give approval to Community Partners for Child Safety to plant 192 pin wheels from the period of April 1 through April 30, 2011. Ken Masters seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Motion to adjourn was received from Ken Masters, Marvin Cole seconded the motion. Motion carried.

/s/Tom Barnes  
Tom Barnes, Chairman

/s/Marvin Cole  
Marvin Cole

/s/Ken Masters  
Ken Masters

ATTEST:

/s/Deborah C. Adams  
Deborah C. Adams, Auditor